

## 2.A OASDI: Benefit Computation & Automatic Adjustments

Table 2.A9.—Indexed earnings for workers with maximum earnings, 1951-96

Year	Annual maximum taxable earnings	Average annual wage <sup>1</sup>	Annual maximum indexed earnings <sup>2</sup> for workers who were first eligible (attained age 62, became disabled, or died) in—							
			1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
1951 .....	\$3,600	\$2,799.16	\$23,698.34	\$24,865.51	\$25,850.03	\$27,044.09	\$28,051.90	\$29,497.25	\$29,750.93	\$30,549.42
1952 .....	3,600	2,973.32	22,310.22	23,409.03	24,335.89	25,460.00	26,408.78	27,769.47	28,008.29	28,760.01
1953 .....	3,600	3,139.44	21,129.70	22,170.37	23,048.18	24,112.81	25,011.39	26,300.08	26,526.26	27,238.20
1954 .....	3,600	3,155.64	21,021.23	22,056.55	22,929.86	23,989.03	24,882.99	26,165.06	26,390.09	27,098.37
1955 .....	4,200	3,301.44	23,441.69	24,596.23	25,570.09	26,751.21	27,748.11	29,177.80	29,428.74	30,218.58
1956 .....	4,200	3,532.36	21,909.25	22,988.30	23,898.50	25,002.41	25,934.14	27,270.37	27,504.90	28,243.11
1957 .....	4,200	3,641.72	21,251.32	22,297.97	23,180.83	24,251.59	25,155.34	26,451.45	26,678.94	27,394.97
1958 .....	4,200	3,673.80	21,065.75	22,103.26	22,978.42	24,039.83	24,935.69	26,220.47	26,445.97	27,155.76
1959 .....	4,800	3,855.80	22,938.75	24,068.52	25,021.48	26,177.27	27,152.78	28,551.80	28,797.35	29,570.24
1960 .....	4,800	4,007.12	22,072.52	23,159.62	24,076.60	25,188.74	26,127.41	27,473.60	27,709.88	28,453.59
1961 .....	4,800	4,086.76	21,642.39	22,708.30	23,607.42	24,697.88	25,618.26	26,938.21	27,169.89	27,899.10
1962 .....	4,800	4,291.40	20,610.35	21,625.44	22,481.67	23,520.13	24,396.63	25,653.64	25,874.26	26,568.71
1963 .....	4,800	4,396.64	20,116.99	21,107.78	21,943.52	22,957.12	23,812.63	25,039.55	25,254.90	25,932.72
1964 .....	4,800	4,576.32	19,327.16	20,279.04	21,081.97	22,055.78	22,877.70	24,056.45	24,263.34	24,914.55
1965 .....	4,800	4,658.72	18,985.31	19,920.36	20,709.09	21,665.67	22,473.06	23,630.96	23,834.19	24,473.88
1966 .....	6,600	4,938.36	24,626.59	25,839.48	26,862.57	28,103.39	29,150.68	30,652.64	30,916.26	31,746.02
1967 .....	6,600	5,213.44	23,327.20	24,476.10	25,445.20	26,620.56	27,612.59	29,035.30	29,285.01	30,070.99
1968 .....	7,800	5,571.76	25,795.58	27,066.05	28,137.70	29,437.42	30,534.42	32,107.68	32,383.81	33,252.96
1969 .....	7,800	5,893.76	24,386.26	25,587.32	26,600.42	27,829.14	28,866.20	30,353.51	30,614.55	31,433.22
1970 .....	7,800	6,186.24	23,233.30	24,377.57	25,342.78	26,513.40	27,501.44	28,918.42	29,167.12	29,949.94
1971 .....	7,800	6,497.08	22,121.75	23,211.28	24,130.30	25,244.92	26,185.68	27,534.87	27,771.68	28,517.05
1972 .....	9,000	7,133.80	23,246.88	24,391.82	25,357.59	26,528.89	27,517.51	28,935.32	29,184.17	29,967.45
1973 .....	10,800	7,580.16	26,253.58	27,546.60	28,637.28	29,960.08	31,076.56	32,677.75	32,958.78	33,843.37
1974 .....	13,200	8,030.76	30,287.29	31,778.98	33,037.23	34,563.27	35,851.29	37,698.49	38,022.71	39,043.20
1975 .....	14,100	8,630.92	30,102.68	31,585.27	32,835.86	34,352.60	35,632.77	37,468.71	37,790.95	38,805.22
1976 .....	15,300	9,226.48	30,556.14	32,061.07	33,330.49	34,870.08	36,169.53	38,033.13	38,360.23	39,389.78
1977 .....	16,500	9,779.44	31,089.45	32,620.65	33,912.23	35,478.68	36,800.82	38,696.94	39,029.75	40,077.27
1978 .....	17,700	10,556.03	30,896.96	32,418.68	33,702.26	35,259.02	36,572.97	38,457.35	38,788.09	39,829.13
1979 .....	22,900	11,479.46	36,758.44	38,568.85	40,095.94	41,948.03	43,511.25	45,753.12	46,146.61	47,385.14
1980 .....	25,900	12,513.46	38,138.66	40,017.04	41,601.47	43,523.11	45,145.02	47,471.07	47,879.34	49,164.37
1981 .....	29,700	13,773.10	39,734.51	41,691.48	43,342.21	45,344.26	47,034.04	49,457.42	49,882.76	51,221.57
1982 .....	32,400	14,531.34	41,084.92	43,108.41	44,815.24	46,885.32	48,632.53	51,138.27	51,578.07	52,962.38
1983 .....	35,700	15,239.24	43,166.62	45,292.63	47,085.94	49,260.91	51,096.65	53,729.35	54,191.44	55,645.89
1984 .....	37,800	16,135.07	43,168.21	45,294.30	47,087.68	49,262.73	51,098.54	53,731.34	54,193.44	55,647.94
1985 .....	39,600	16,822.51	43,375.80	45,512.11	47,314.12	49,499.63	51,344.26	53,989.72	54,454.05	55,915.54
1986 .....	42,000	17,321.82	44,678.53	46,879.00	48,735.13	50,986.28	52,886.31	55,611.23	56,089.50	57,594.89
1987 .....	43,800	18,426.51	43,800.00	45,957.21	47,776.83	49,983.72	51,846.39	54,517.72	54,986.59	56,462.38
1988 .....	45,000	19,334.04	45,000.00	45,000.00	46,781.73	48,942.65	50,766.52	53,382.22	53,841.32	55,286.37
1989 .....	48,000	20,099.55	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00	50,217.20	52,088.57	54,772.38	55,243.43	56,726.12
1990 .....	51,300	21,027.98	51,300.00	51,300.00	51,300.00	51,300.00	53,211.72	55,953.40	56,434.62	57,949.27
1991 .....	53,400	21,811.60	53,400.00	53,400.00	53,400.00	53,400.00	53,400.00	56,151.38	56,634.29	58,154.31
1992 .....	55,500	22,935.42	55,500.00	55,500.00	55,500.00	55,500.00	55,500.00	55,500.00	55,977.31	57,479.69
1993 .....	57,600	23,132.67	57,600.00	57,600.00	57,600.00	57,600.00	57,600.00	57,600.00	57,600.00	59,145.93
1994 .....	60,600	23,753.53	60,600.00	60,600.00	60,600.00	60,600.00	60,600.00	60,600.00	60,600.00	60,600.00
1995 .....	61,200	...	61,200.00	61,200.00	61,200.00	61,200.00	61,200.00	61,200.00	61,200.00	61,200.00
1996 .....	62,700	...	62,700.00	62,700.00	62,700.00	62,700.00	62,700.00	62,700.00	62,700.00	62,700.00

<sup>1</sup> National average wage levels. For years before 1978, average wages were determined from wages earned during the first quarter of the year and reported to the Social Security Administration (SSA) for Social Security tax purposes. These wages were then multiplied by 4 to obtain the average wage for the year. For 1973-77, from data collected on all taxable wages reported to SSA; for 1957-72, based on 1% statistical sample; for 1951-56, based on 1/10 of 1% statistical sample. For 1978-84, from wage data collected by the Internal Revenue Service during processing of annual tax returns. For years after 1984, from W-2 data processed by SSA. For years after 1977, the average wage amounts have been adjusted to be consistent with the pre-1978 series.

<sup>2</sup> A worker's earnings for each year after 1950 and through the second year before the year of first eligibility are indexed by multiplying covered earnings, up to the maximum taxable amounts, by specified indexing factors (see table 2.A8). The indexing factor for a given year represents the ratio of the average annual wage (col. 2) for the second year before the year of first eligibility to the average annual wage for the year to be indexed. For example, if the year of first eligibility is 1992, the indexing factor for 1975 is \$21,027.98/8,630.92, or 2.4363544. Multiplication of maximum taxable earnings of \$14,100 for 1975 by this factor gives maximum indexed earnings of \$34,352.60 for 1975 for workers first eligible in 1992.

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